AH-
I'm so happy, but at the same time kind of scared... like doesn't it look strange for us to be walking together like this?
SHE'S BROODING ABOUT SOMETHING AGAIN...
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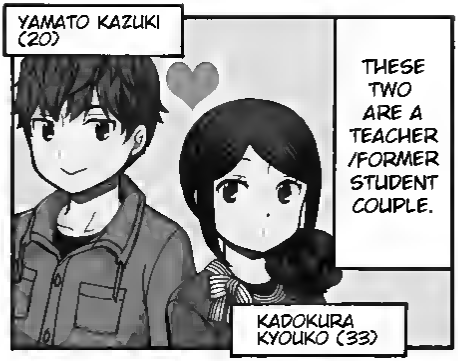
YAMATO KAZUKI (20)
THESE TWO ARE A TEACHER /FORMER STUDENT COUPLE.
KADOKURA KYOUKO (33)

That kind of face is cute too ...
Let's gaze for a while~
HE'S MADLY IN LOVE, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER

THE GIRLFRIEND IS STILL ANXIOUS ABOUT THEIR AGE GAP...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I WORRY, THERE ISN'T ANYTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT ANYWAY...
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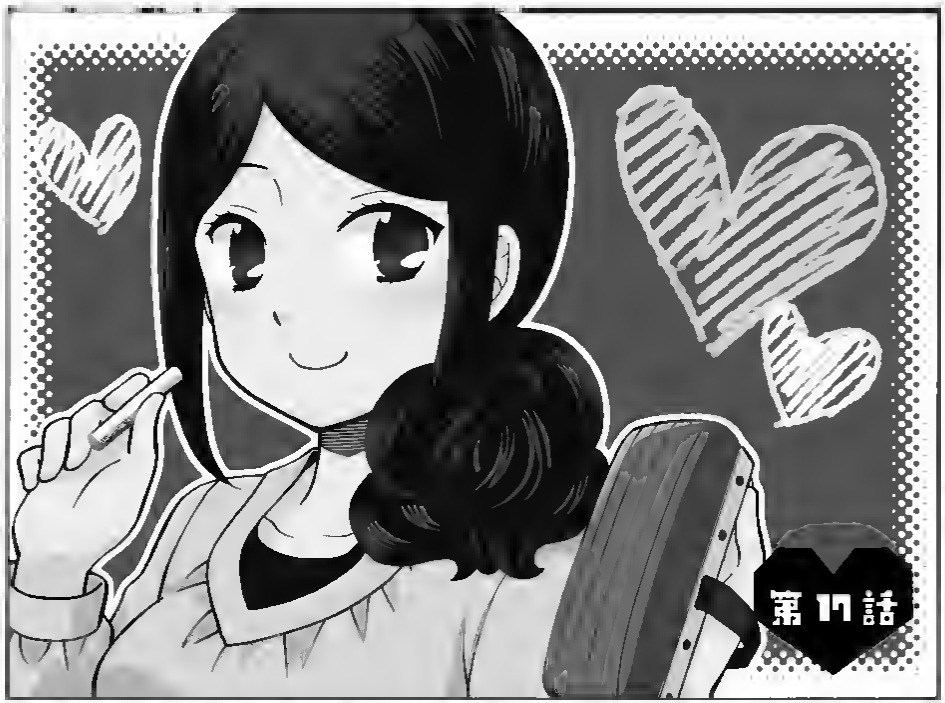
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BUMP
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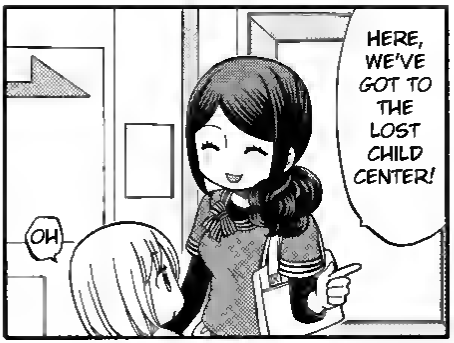
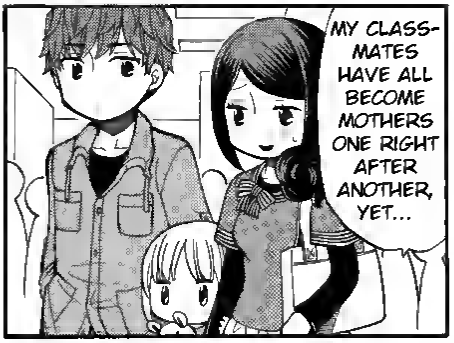
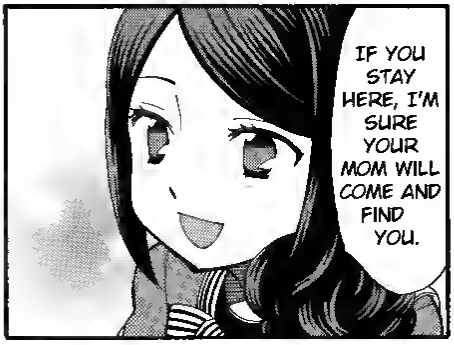
OH, EXCUSE ME
not treat me like a child~
JEEZ, I WISH YOU'D THINK OF ME AS A MAN MORE . . .
OW!
DEPARTMENT STORE
IT'S SURE CROWDED HERE TODAY...
Was there a sale?
WHUMP
!
IT IS, ISN'T IT.
Grip
BLUSH
Eep, sorry!
きゃっ
GLOW
MISS SHY TEACHER GRABBED MY HAND . . . !!
HUH? LIKE WHAT !?
That was great!
YES, YES! MORE LIKE THAT ! !
I WAS GLAD, BUT THE REASON WAS . . .
Stay with your teacher~
. . . NOW BE CAREFUL NOT TO WANDER OFF, OK?

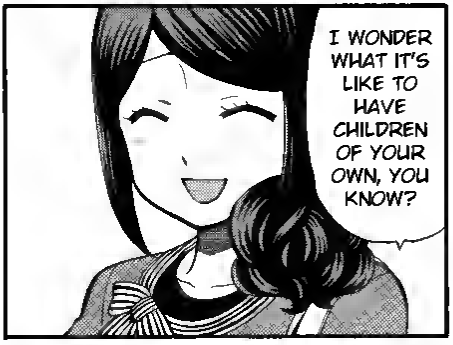
Okay, let's dry your tears
YOUR MOM WILL BE FOUND SOON
MAMAAA!
OH!
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
She's so settled
WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
5...
WHAT'S WRONG? DID YOU GET SEPARATED FROM YOUR MAMA?
KENTAROU
So you were together just a minute ago ~!
FIRST TO GO AND HELP-- AS EXPECTED OF A TEACHER!
you pronounce your name so well, Hero-daro-kun! It sounds so distinguished!
A BOY:?!
BURNS
YAMATO-KUN CAN HELP US SEARCH TOO...
UM, ARE YOU LISTENING?
HOW ABOUT THAT!!
JOLT
THIS IS MY GIRL, YO!

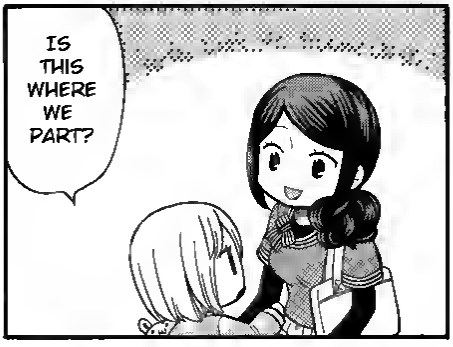
HE'S JUST SO CUTE
WE ... WE SHO-ULD, HUH.
YOU SHOULD HAVE THEM DO A LOST CHILD BROAD-CAST ON THE P.A.
Let's get away
EVEN I AM AT THE AGE WHERE I COULD HAVE A LITTLE KID LIKE THIS, HUH...
ALL RIGHT!
TAKE BIG BRO-THER'S HAND!
BUT THAT MANY WOULD BE WEIRD, WOULDN'T IT...
Hey you! Gacha Gacha!
This one is best
STUCK
*KORESADA CHILD #3 (YOUNGEST)
SHOCK
WITH THAT MANY, IT WOULD BE BAD IF YOU WEREN'T CARE-FUL BUT ...?!
OKAY THEN I'LL GO HERE!
Who's that guy?
GRIP
*KORESADA CHILD #2 (MIDDLE)

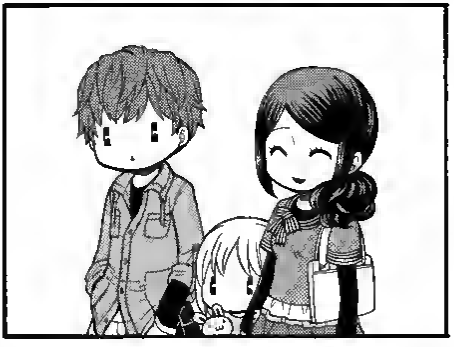

HERE, WE'VE GOT TO THE LOST CHILD CENTER!
OH

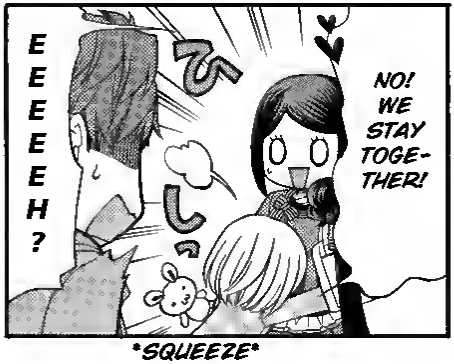

MY CLASS-MATES HAVE ALL BECOME MOTHERS ONE RIGHT AFTER ANOTHER, YET...


IF YOU STAY HERE, I'M SURE YOUR MOM WILL COME AND FIND YOU.


I WONDER WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE CHILDREN OF YOUR OWN, YOU KNOW?


IS THIS WHERE WE PART?




EEEEEEH?
NO! WE STAY TOGE-THER!
SQUEEZE

C- can I really be good eno-ugh for Sensei?
Uuh-- There's really no deeper meaning to that, okay?!
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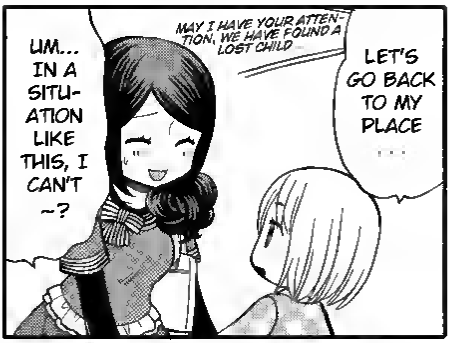

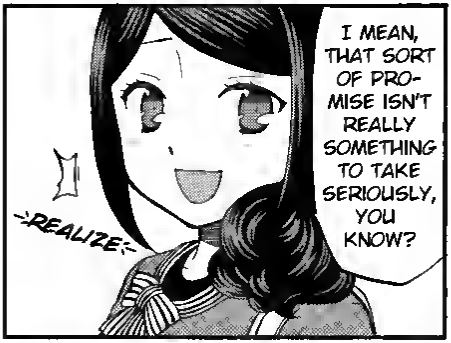

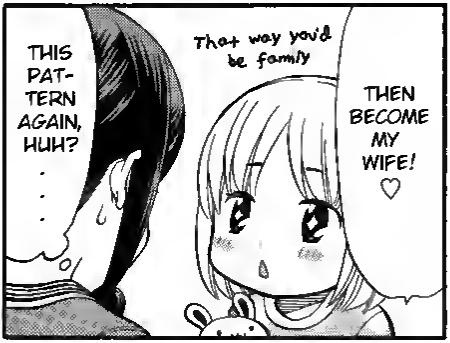

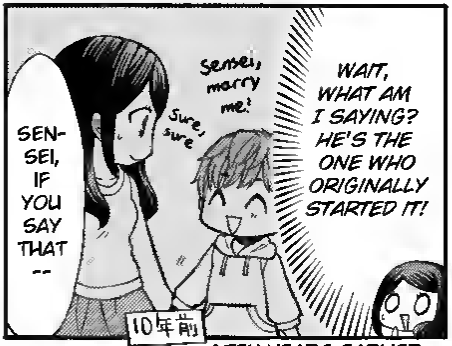

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